

## **REMARKS**

### **Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102**

Claims 11 and 14-17 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Haupt *et al.* (US 6,318,815).

Claim 11 has been canceled thereby rendering its rejection moot.

Claim 14 has been amended into independent form. Claim 14 describes, in pertinent part, a method for controlling the pressure buildup in an electronically controllable automotive brake system that, when a pressure gradient limit value of the detected master brake cylinder pressure gradient is exceeded, *lowers the operating point of the vacuum booster by an operating point-reduction pressure value*, thus establishing a *corrected operating point*, replacing the operating point, which corrected operating point causes activation of the additional pressure source for the purpose of building up additional brake pressure.

As understood, Haupt does not have such a method. Instead, Haupt discloses a method that employs a single operating point 4 (Fig. 1). Since Haupt uses a single operating point 4 and does *not* disclose establishing a corrected operating point, Applicant must respectfully submit that Haupt does not anticipate Claim 14. Applicant therefore submits that Claim 14 is in a condition for allowance.

Claims 12-13 and 15-18 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 14 and are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reason as claim 14.

## **CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the claims as amended overcome the raised objections and rejections and are in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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